

**February 26, 2014 – Wednesday Webinar**  
**Servicing the Women Who've Served Us:**  
**Supporting and Engaging Female Veterans**

**Presenters:**

***Amber Stone***



***Amber Stone***, AmeriCorps VISTA, Armed Services YMCA of Missouri through the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps.

Amber Stone served in the U.S. Army for six years as a Combat Medic. She wanted to save the world, see the world, and have amazing life experiences. That's exactly what she got; it just wasn't what she had made it out to be in her mind. She spent one year in Korea; then was sent to Ft. Stewart, GA. She was there long enough to draw her gear and weapon and head out to the desert. She was at FOB Loyalty during OIF III, and spent the next year gaining life experiences in a war zone.

Once Amber left the Army, she went back to school and became a military spouse. She had extra time and felt like it should be spent doing good things and helping others, as she had as a medic. That's when she dove into volunteerism. Amber joined a co-ed sorority that focused on community service and became an ambassador for her school. Now Amber works as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the Fort Leonard Wood Armed Services YMCA. She's been utilizing different volunteer-type programs to not only show her community that she's a great asset, but also to take care of soldiers and their family members. She has many jobs at the ASYMCA which include grant writing, website management and program coordination. In her mind, this is the perfect place for her and the best job she could ever ask for.

Prior to joining the ALA Call to Service Corps, Amber was a fellow with The Mission Continues. Amber is also a member of Warrior Writers, The Mission Continues Alumni, and has volunteered hundreds of hours to various organizations upon discharge from active duty in January 2007. Also, both of her grandfathers are veterans.

***Anequa Campbell***



***Anequa Campbell***, AmeriCorps VISTA Law Fellow, Inner City Law Center, Equal Justice Works.

A 2012 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Anequa Campbell is an Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps Legal Fellow at the Inner City Law Center's, Homeless Veterans Project. Inner City Law Center's Homeless Veterans Project is dedicated to serving homeless and marginalized populations of veterans. Project attorneys developed expertise in working with survivors of sexual trauma and in helping homeless women veterans with their VA benefits claims, discharge upgrades, low level ticket clearing, and expungements.

Originally from Jamaica and formerly living in New York, Anequa developed a passion for working with vulnerable populations as a Women's and Gender Studies minor during her undergraduate studies at Columbia University.

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***Deborah Frett***



***Deborah Frett***, Chief Executive Officer, Business and Professional Women's Foundation (BPW Foundation)

Deborah Frett joined BPW Foundation as CEO in May 2005. Frett is an accomplished executive with over 30 years of experience providing strategic direction and executive management to associations, for-profit and start-up organizations. As CEO, she is a frequent speaker and panelist on the implementation of successful workplaces, providing expertise in the areas of workforce development, workplace policy and job readiness as they pertain to working women and businesses.

Frett engages in policy discussions and is an advocate for women veterans, green job development, and redefining the workplace to meet the needs of the 21st century. She has provided congressional testimony and served as an expert for key briefings on issues impacting working women, families and veterans. She is a creative leader and has demonstrable experience ensuring that working women are included in today's marketplace.

Under her leadership, BPW Foundation conducted the first research on the challenges facing women veterans in their transition from military to civilian careers and hosted the Inaugural Joining Forces for Women Veterans National Summit. Most recently the organization launched the Joining Forces for Women Veterans and Military Spouses Mentoring Plus®.

She is a member of the Pfizer Small Business Council, the Army Women's Foundation Planning Committee, the Inter Department Work Group on Women Veterans Employment, a founding member of SCORE's Women's Mentoring Network Advisory Council and served on the planning committee for the Department of Veterans Affairs 2011 National Training Summit on Women Veterans. In May 2013 she was one of five women to receive the "Honorary Woman Veteran" award from Women Veteran's Interactive for her work in support of women veterans and their families. As a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) America Women and Girls' Champion (2012 and 2013), Frett helped to shape the small business working group discussions to reflect the needs of women. She was the Park University Commencement speaker in December 2013.

Prior to BPW Foundation, Frett was an entrepreneur serving as an independent consultant and chief executive officer for DFA Project Solutions. She provided senior level management and consultation on business strategy development, marketing, management and operations for various projects and initiatives, including women's health issues. Frett previously served as executive director for an online start-up, SeniorNavigator, a public-private partnership initiative with the Virginia Health Care, AOL Time Warner and CollisWarner Foundations. Ms. Frett began her career in association management at the American Hospital Association, Chicago, IL. During her 23 year tenure she served in a number of positions including CEO of Healthcare InfoSource, COO of Health Forum and vice president of Special Membership Services.

Frett has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Quincy University in Quincy, Ill. She has earned advanced certification in Nonprofit Management through The Nonprofit Organizations Program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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